

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Palos Verdes District.	Application 03-01-034 (Filed January 31, 2003)
Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Oroville District.	Application 03-01-035 (Filed January 31, 2003)
Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Selma District.	Application 03-01-036 (Filed January 31, 2003)
Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Dominguez District.	Application 03-01-037 (Filed January 31, 2003)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
FOLLOWING SECOND PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

A telephonic prehearing conference was held in this proceeding at 9 a.m. on Friday, August 1, 2003. Because of the procedural character of the prehearing conference, the conference was not reported by a court reporter. The parties and counsel who participated by telephone were the following: *California Water Service Company* (CWS): Greg Bowling, Todd Pickles, Lynn McGhee, Thomas F. Smegal, and Stan Ferraro; *Office of Ratepayer Advocates* (ORA): Monique M.

Steele, Yoke W. Chan; *Intervenors*: Joseph S. Lucido, Jack Chacanaca, Roger Berger, and Chuck Fluharty for Leona Valley Cherry Growers' Association, and Jeffrey Young. Assigned Administrative Law Judge John E. Thorson presided.

The following topics were addressed: (1) arrangements and the agenda for the upcoming prehearing conferences; (2) the joint motion of CWS and ORA to modify the due dates for ORA's report, rebuttal testimony, and the evidentiary hearing; and (3) other matters pertaining to the schedule for this proceeding.

The joint motion of CWS and ORA to modify the schedule is unopposed and is GRANTED. After CWS's rebuttal testimony is filed, the parties shall meet and confer to explore settlement, identify issues upon which they agree and disagree, and identify exhibits that can be admitted into evidence upon stipulation. CWS's attorneys shall coordinate with the intervenors to allow their participation in these settlement discussions on the issues of interest to the intervenors. The parties shall file a final joint prehearing conference statement, on the date indicated below, identifying any stipulations to be offered, any issues remaining in dispute, the witnesses to be called at the hearing, and how they propose to allocate the five days of hearing time among them.

The remaining schedule for this proceeding is as follows:

Event	Date (all in 2003)
ORA report	Friday, September 19
CWS rebuttal testimony	Tuesday, September 30
Parties' settlement efforts	Ongoing, but with scheduled sessions between October 1-9
Parties' final joint prehearing conference statement	5 p.m., Thursday, October 9
Final prehearing conference	10 a.m., Friday, October 10, Hearing Room C
Final exhibit marking	8 a.m., Monday, October 27, Hearing Room D
Evidentiary hearing	9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday, October 27-31, Hearing Room D
Opening briefs (with joint comparison exhibit)	Friday, December 5
Responding briefs	Friday, December 19
Proceeding submitted	Friday, December 19
Unless otherwise noted, all hearings will be held at the CPUC, 505 Van Ness, San Francisco, California.	

Dated August 4, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JOHN THORSON

John Thorson
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Following Second Prehearing Conference on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated August 4, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JANET V. ALVIAR

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N O T I C E

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